

## Sabbah blasts Israeli actions

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem called on Israeli authorities Saturday to "renounce repressive measures" in dealing with the Palestinian uprising. Michel Sabbah told Vatican Radio: "Violent measures used by the Israeli authorities, repressive measures, will never lead in calm and even less to peace, because violence encourages violence and an ever stronger resistance. What should be done is to try to understand the desires of these people calling for their rights, to talk with them and above all to treat them like human beings." The Jerusalem-born priest became patriarch in January, a month after the Palestinian uprising began. "What can the church do?" Sabbah asked. "I don't think the authorities listen, I don't think many others will listen. I address myself to the Israeli leaders and call on them to renounce repressive measures." He also said he feared the violence connected with the uprising would grow worse since "it seems that until the elections this November, authority will rest in the hands of the military and no politician wants to take any responsibility."

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## AROUND THE WORLD...

### New U.S.-Greek talks open tomorrow

ATHENS (R) — A new round of talks between Washington and Athens on the future of U.S. military bases in Greece opens next week, the Greek government said Saturday. The week-long talks starting Monday in Athens will be the eighth round of negotiations on a new defence and economic cooperation agreement between the United States and Greece, which includes the terms for the U.S. bases.

### U.S. navy chief visits Gulf

BAHRAIN (AP) — U.S. Navy Secretary William Ball visited three American warships and met with top local defence officials during a two-day visit to the Gulf, naval officials said Saturday. The trip, Ball's first to this area as the navy's top civilian official, was not announced by the Pentagon in advance, and was surrounded by special security precautions that included a bullet-proof car. U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Ball's visit to the Gulf had been planned for some time, and was unrelated either to plans for reducing U.S. forces in the Gulf, or the ongoing investigation into the shooting down of an Iranian jetliner by a navy warship.

### Moscow prepares for plenum on reform

MOSCOW (R) — The ruling Soviet politburo has discussed suggestions for sweeping political reform in preparation for a plenum of the party central committee, Pravda said Saturday. Well-informed Soviet sources expect the plenum to convene in Moscow July 29 with the task of translating into concrete measures a programme for deep political reform put forward by a party conference three weeks ago. Pravda said the politburo meeting Thursday discussed the conference proposals and reviewed a series of documents to be discussed at the plenum.

### 3 killed in N. Ireland bombing

BELFAST (AP) — A bomb killed a man, his wife and their seven-year-old son Saturday morning as they drove along the main road between Dublin and Belfast, police said. The family had been heading home after a vacation in the United States when the explosion blew their jeep off the road at a point about one kilometre from the Irish border, police said. The blast, which left a crater in the road, occurred at about 10 a.m. (0900 GMT), close to a gas station near Newry, 50 kilometres southwest of Belfast, police said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing.

### Dhaka, Islamabad trying to mend past

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh and Pakistan say they are forging closer economic and political ties after burying past bitterness. Pakistani Minister for Commerce, Finance, Planning and Development Mahbubul Haq said Saturday that Islamabad would expand its trade, propose joint industrial ventures and extend credits to Dhaka to boost their relations. To promote their goodwill, the two countries have decided to sidestep the thorny question of sharing assets held by them until 1971 in the former undivided Pakistan. Haq announced Friday that Pakistan would give Bangladesh \$50 million in soft credit, 100,000 tonnes of cement and 30,000 tonnes of sugar.

### Bourguiba aide jailed for 5 years

TUNIS (R) — A close aide of former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba was convicted of embezzling state funds and jailed for five years Friday night. Mansour Skhiri, ex-governor of Bourguiba's home town of Monastir, was accused of diverting 30,000 dinars (\$26,000) in state funds to personal use. He was also charged with awarding official contracts to an enterprise owned by his brother. He denied all the charges.

### Four dead in Natal violence

PRETORIA (AP) — Police investigating two murders shot and killed two black men when the police fired on a crowd that had shot at them, according to an official report Saturday. Fourteen men were arrested at Neamala after the shooting ended, the daily police unrest report said. Police went there to investigate two stabbing deaths in Zululand, they said. In other incidents, police said a man shot a member of the security force in Natal, near Pinetown. They also found the body of a black man stabbed to death at Mbombeni.

### Police kill 2 Sikh militants

NEW DELHI (R) — Police Saturday killed two Sikh separatists wanted for the murder of a prominent Hindu leader, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. It quoted police as saying Devinder Singh and Bagga Singh were killed in a gun battle near Jullundur, a major city in Punjab, where militants are fighting for an independent homeland. PTI said the two militants were wanted for the murder on June 19 of Rama Kant Jalota, north Indian head of the fundamentalist Shiv Sena.

### Sihanouk arrives in Jakarta

JAKARTA (AP) — Former Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk arrived in Jakarta Saturday for a six-day visit as guest of President Suharto. The prince, accompanied by his wife Monique and five Kampuchean officials, was whisked away by Indonesian officials to avoid questions from reporters. Sihanouk, who will stay at the presidential guest house in the palace complex, later paid a courtesy call on Suharto at the Merdeka Palace, officials said. The prince is not scheduled to attend informal "cocktail party" talks between the four warring Kampuchean factions scheduled to start Monday at the presidential palace in Bogor, a mountain retreat 60 kilometres south of Jakarta.

### Mandela not hopeful about release

CAPE TOWN (R) — Jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela does not believe his chances of release have improved, despite recent international appeals for his freedom, his wife said Saturday. Winnie Mandela, visiting her husband in Cape Town's Pollsmoor prison for the first time since his 70th birthday Monday, said Mandela was in very good spirits and "bubbling with hope" for South Africa. Asked if Mandela believed that pleas from all over the world on the occasion of his birthday had improved the prospects of his release, she told reporters: "Not at all. He did not even mention the subject. It is not a top priority in his political calendar."

### Japanese sub, boat collide

TOKYO (AP) — Twenty-nine sport fishermen and crewmen aboard a fishing boat were missing after it collided Saturday with a Japanese navy submarine near Tokyo, police said. Police officials said 19 people had been rescued from the boat, including a 38-year-old man who was hospitalized in serious condition. The fishing boat sank less than two minutes after the collision, they said. Police said the submarine, the 2,200-ton Nadashio, hit the fishing boat Saturday afternoon about three kilometres off the port of Yokosuka near the mouth of Tokyo Bay. Yokosuka police said 48 people, including a group of 39 sport fishermen from C. Ioh and Co., a trading company, and its subsidiaries, were on board the boat.

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## Happy 'Eid Al Adha

The Jordan Times will not be published Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (July 25, 26 and 27) due to the 'Eid Al Adha holidays. The next issue of the newspaper will appear Thursday, July 28. The Jordan Times wishes its readers, advertisers and patrons a very happy 'Eid Al Adha.



### 'Eid begins today; King receives greetings

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Sunday celebrates 'Eid Al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice), marking the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina.

His Majesty King Hussein received cables of good wishes on the occasion from senior government officials, heads of public and private organizations and notables in the Kingdom.

The cables wished the King continued health and happiness and praised his efforts to serve Arab and Islamic causes.

The cables came from Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi and Lower House Speaker Akef Al Fayed, Armed Forces Commander-in-

HM King Hussein

Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Greater Amman Mayor Abdal Raouf Al Rawabdeh, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Muhammad Mheilan and the directors of public security, civil defence and general intelligence departments.

Government departments and public institutions began a five-day holiday for the feast from Saturday until Wednesday.

### 1.5 million faithful perform Haj in calm, orderly atmosphere

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — The annual Muslim pilgrimage reached its climax in an orderly and calm atmosphere Saturday when up to 1.5 million faithful braved scorching heat to pray at Mount Arafat near Mecca.

They heard a leading Saudi theological appeal for a return to traditional Islamic values and for unity among the world's 700 million Muslims as a means to restore Islam's glory.

The ceremonies, including the appeal by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Sheikhi, was televised live to Arab and Muslim countries from the site where the Prophet Mohammad gave his last sermon 14 centuries ago.

"Fear God and return to your Islam," Sheikh Abdul Aziz told the teeming mass of pilgrims, most of whom listened to his voice from loudspeakers as they sat round the mosque where he is preacher.

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### Zia says Soviets sending troops back to Kabul; Moscow denies it

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Pakistani President Zia Ul-Haq charged Saturday that the Soviet Union had stopped withdrawing troops from Afghanistan and had recalled soldiers to help defend the Afghan capital of Kabul from guerrilla attacks. But the official Soviet news agency TASS denied the allegation.

Zia, the army chief of staff, told a news conference: "The recent information is that the Soviet Union has decided not only to stop their withdrawal but they have also brought in something like 10,000 troops back from the Soviet Union into Kabul because Kabul was under threat."

Zia refused to reveal the source of his information other than to say it came from a "very reliable source."

TASS, in a report from Moscow, denied Zia's claims. The news agency quoted Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, chief of staff, as saying the withdrawal of Soviet troops was continuing and

describing the claims that the Soviets had brought back 10,000 troops as a "sheer lie."

Earlier this week, Western diplomatic sources claimed Soviet troops were taking the lead in the defence of Kabul after a series of guerrilla attacks.

Zia claimed the Soviet Union, which began withdrawing its estimated 115,000 troops in May, informed the United Nations: "We have brought 10,000 or 12,000 (soldiers) back because we feel the situation in Kabul is untenable."

A senior United Nations official involved in the U.N. monitoring of the accords said later he was not aware of any Soviet troop movements back into Kabul.

Under the Geneva accords signed in April, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw half of its more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan by Aug. 15. The rest must leave by Feb. 15 next year.

Moscow has said more than 30,000 have already gone, including back-up personnel, and that Soviet forces would meet the August target.

Zia said that he did not have any information about what troops had been sent back into Kabul, but Western diplomatic sources said recently that Moscow might be tempted to replace ordinary troops with special forces.

The president said he was convinced the Soviet Union still meant to leave Afghanistan, where it first intervened in 1979, and termed the withdrawal "irreversible."

#### Soviets appeal to Iran

In a related development, a top Kremlin diplomat has asked Iran to help secure the return of Soviet soldiers taken prisoners in Afghanistan, and said Iran could help put an end to that country's decade-old civil war, TASS said.

The official Soviet news agency reported Friday on the visit of First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli M. Vorontsov's visit to Tehran. TASS said "much attention" during Vorontsov's visit was paid to developments in Afghanistan.

The Soviet side pointed out, in particular, that Iran might make its contribution to be cause of normalizing the situation in Afghanistan, TASS said. "It was agreed that the sides would continue to discuss the issue constructively."

TASS gave no further details, but the Soviets were presumably seeking an end in Iranian aid to the Afghan Mujaheddin.

It said the Soviet leadership

## Iran, Iraq locked in fierce battle

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Fighting raged along the Gulf waterfront Saturday as Iraq tried to capture large numbers of prisoners while Iran reported Iraqi thrusts deep into its territory and called on all able-bodied fighters to rush to the front.

"It is only temporary and accompanied by no ambitions or premeditated intentions against the Iranian people or their lands," he told the Iraqi News Agency (INA).

Jassem said the Iraqi army intended to recapture all Iraqi territory and take as many Iranian prisoners as possible. This would help to establish conditions for negotiating a durable peace, he said.

The foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq, which have been at war for almost eight years, have agreed to go to the United Nations for ceasefire negotiations held through Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

U.N. truce experts are also due

in Tehran Sunday to start working out details of a ceasefire after a week of continued battles since Tehran said it accepted the year-old Security Council resolution ordering the fighting to stop.

Jassem said the Iraqi offensive would "facilitate the path for complete and comprehensive peace away from the schemes of Iran's rulers," who, he said, refused to negotiate directly with Baghdad.

Iraq wants direct negotiations with Iran, and the Iranians indicated Friday they may accept such talks if Perez de Cuellar requests it.

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### Iraqi leader briefs King

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received a telephone call Saturday afternoon from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein wishing him congratulations on 'Eid Al Adha and assuring him of the situation at the battlefield. The president briefed the King on Iraqi operations to liberate occupied Iraqi territories. The King wished the president and the Iraqi people success in their endeavours to achieve peace.

## Arabs clash with Israeli troops despite clampdown

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops battled Palestinian protesters throwing stones and bottles for the fourth day this week in Jerusalem Saturday.

Palestinians, preparing for demonstrations on the eve of Muslim and Jewish religious holidays, closed the Old City to residents of the occupied West Bank or Gaza Strip and turned back Arabs at some entrances to the city.

But some 50 Palestinians, protesting over the army killing of a 17-year-old boy from Jerusalem earlier this week, marched from St. Saviour Church in the Christian quarter to the boy's home near Damascus Gate, chanting nationalist slogans.

Startled tourists and shoppers ran for cover as the protesters threw stones and bottles at border police patrols, who shot tear-gas and rubber bullets. Vendors

Doloroso in Jerusalem.

Saturday's protests broke out while the Old City was teeming with shoppers preparing for the four-day 'Eid Al Adha holiday which starts Sunday.

Hundreds of shoppers and tourists, some holding handkerchiefs to their noses, streamed up the steps of the Damasus Gate as the white tear-gas floated over the streets.

Mercants accused the police of overturning open air stalls lining the sidewalk near the Damasus Gate. The ground was strewn with vegetables and boxes of goods.

A group of about 30 religious Jews wearing black yarmulkas

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## Moscow seeks verification of cruise missile system data

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Moscow has a verification plan on nuclear-armed cruise missiles that would allow U.S. and Soviet inspectors access to bomber bases, strategic naval ports and ships, the Washington Post reported Saturday.

Analysts said Moscow believed it was more vulnerable to a cruise missile attack than the United States which has better means of detection and destruction.

The INF treaty bans medium and shorter range missiles, and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has pressed for progress with

President Reagan on a treaty banning strategic nuclear weapons before Reagan leaves office next January.

But the Post said the Soviet arms control specialists would prefer to pursue a strategic arms treaty with Reagan's successor rather than sign one without tight cruise missile constraints.

A team of U.S. inspectors Friday witnessed the destruction of a Soviet SS-20 medium-range nuclear



## King Hussein Bridge to close on July 29

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The King Hussein Bridge across the River Jordan will be closed on Friday, July 29, 1988, for all travellers except pilgrims returning home in the Palestinian land occupied since 1948, according to an announcement by the Public Security Department (PSD) Saturday.

The announcement, which gave no reason for the closure, said that only 1250 returning pilgrims and those whose Israeli

issued permits expire on that date will be allowed to cross Friday.

The announcement said that the bridge will be re-opened for normal traffic on Sunday July 31, 1988.

Travellers into the East or the West Banks normally make the trip across the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad Bridges; but the announcement made no mention of special arrangements for travel across the Prince Mohammad Bridge on July 29.

## Egyptian aide to arrive for talks on joint projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — Egyptian Minister of State Maurice Makrallah is due here Wednesday to take part in the talks of the Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Economic and Technical Committee, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily.

The report said that the committee will discuss a timetable for implementing joint Jordanian-Egyptian economic projects as of August 1, 1988.

The report said that the committee was also expected to discuss an arrangement for the transfer of earnings by Egyptians working in the Kingdom to their

homes in Egypt, and also the transfers of those Egyptians employed by the joint Jordanian-Egyptian land and maritime transport companies.

The committee is also expected to discuss an agreement for the sale of Egyptian medicine in Jordanian markets and Jordan's pharmaceutical products in Egypt, according to the paper.

The meeting next week is expected to pave the way for a late July meeting of the Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee co-chaired by the prime ministers of both countries.

## Balqa sets up emergency teams to work during 'Eid

AMMAN (J.T.) — Emergency teams have been set up in the Balqa Governorate to operate during the 'Eid Al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) and deal with different emergencies.

At least five people were killed and more than 40 others injured in incidents and various accidents

that occurred during 'Eid Al Fitr holiday last May.

A total of 64 fires were reported during that holiday and road accidents resulted in the destruction of 16 vehicles. Fires also caused the destruction of crops and nearly 290 trees.

## Iran, Iraq locked in battle

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Baghdad had announced a major assault Friday along the entire length of the warfront.

Defence Minister Adnan Khairallah, indicating that all Iraqi land had been recovered, said Friday's battles achieved "the hope that Iraq's flag flutters over each span of Iraqi territory."

Diplomats in Baghdad say Iraq is insisting on direct negotiations with Tehran because it doubts the sincerity of Iran's leaders in genuinely wanting peace.

Jassem called on the Iranian leadership to take quick steps to implement the U.N. resolution and establish a durable and comprehensive peace.

"The most important thing is to conduct direct negotiations between the representatives of both countries under the auspices of the United Nations to expedite peace measures and implement the U.N. resolution, including the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran," he said.

Jassem accused Iran of trying to stall peace negotiations by tampering with the sequence of the clauses in the U.N. ceasefire resolution.

Iraq wanted a durable peace between the two countries to be established as soon as possible, he said, adding: "The Iranian people should pressure their rulers to take practical steps to realise this."

INA said Iraq captured 8,635

prisoners in fighting Friday. Iraq holds about 13,000 Iranian prisoners while Iran holds about 50,000, according to International Red Cross figures released before the fighting of the last two days.

Ahvaz is 90 kilometres from the nearest border and IRNA said hand-to-hand fighting was continuing, with the Iraqis having advanced 16 kilometres since the morning. There was no comment from Iraq on the reported fighting in this area.

In the northern sector, Iraq said the Iranians dropped long-range artillery on a housing complex in Bimalik in northern Sulaymaniyah province. The report said three civilians were killed and four were wounded in the attack Friday night.

Iran denied firing into Iraqi territory. But IRNA said Iraqi troops along the northern front were shelling the border town of Sardasht and 90 others around it.

One appeal broadcast by Tehran Radio said: "It is the duty of every Iranian... to rise and go to the arena of defence of the country, the revolution and of the territorial integrity and honour of the nation."

Calls to arms came from Iran's general command, headed by military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, from the Basij (volunteer) headquarters from the joint staff of the armed forces and from a Friday prayer leader.

## Arabs clash with Israeli troops

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and shouting the name of anti-Arab legislator Meir Kahane, walked past the area on their way to the gate and scuffled with Palestinians.

The U.S. State Department voiced concern Friday about the resurgent violence in the occupied territories. Over the past week, nine Palestinians have died, including the first Israeli Arab fatality, Mohammad Ahmad Taher Sayef, from the village of Arara. Sayef was shot during a demonstration in the West Bank village of Zinab near Tulkarem.

"We note with increasing concern the number of deaths and injuries over the past two weeks," State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley told

Continued confrontations and harsh measures, including collective punishment, serve no constructive cause and only increase the mistrust and agony for Palestinians and Israelis," Oakley said.

In another development, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' closest aide sharply criticised Israeli policymakers for refusing to talk to Palestinian nationalists in the occupied territories.

The aide, outgoing foreign ministry director-general Yossi Beilin, singled out Shmuel Goren, a defence ministry official in charge of the occupied territories, for conducting a "too simplistic carrot and stick policy" in the occupied territories.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### SUNDAY

#### JERASH FESTIVAL

- Jordan Armed Forces Band local and Arabic music 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Forum.
- Beit Fajjar folk dance. Jordanian folk dance 8-9 p.m. at the Forum.
- "Krysalis" Folk Group. Greek national folk dance 7:30 p.m. at South Theatre.
- Iraqi musical singing group Sadoun Al Jaber (National Group Music and Songs) 9:30 p.m. - South Theatre.
- Children's play the Good Neighbour 8 p.m. - Sound and Light.
- Egyptian Aragog Pipes Group. Egyptian folk music 9:30 p.m. Sound and Light.
- Poets and Poetry 7-9 p.m. — Artemis.



QUEEN RECEIVES U.S. TEAM: Her Majesty Queen Noor received at Al Nadwa Palace Saturday afternoon a delegation of American university teachers and students and high school graduates who have concluded a week-long visit to Jordan. The group has made the visit within the Petra Summer Programme which is annually organised by the Arab Cultural Organisation in

cooperation with Jordanian universities. The visitors toured archaeological sites and economic and cultural projects and some of them took Arabic language courses at the universities in Jordan. In addition the 25-member group, which includes many Americans of Arab origin, were briefed on the Palestine issue. They are due to leave for home Sunday (Petra photo)

## Dakhqan inspects water distribution

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan Saturday made an inspection tour of Amman, Zarqa and Balqa Governorates to ensure that his ministry's water safety and distribution programmes are implemented in these regions.

At the outset of the tour, the minister visited the operations room set up by the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) to deal with any emergency case during the 'Eid Al Adha holiday, and was briefed on measures taken to provide water to all regions of the Kingdom.

The operations room, which is authorised to take speedy action to deal with any emergency and receive public complaints, will be functioning 24 hours a day during the holiday, according to a WAJ spokesman.

The minister met with directors of various WAJ sections and said that the government was keen on providing all parts of the country with potable water and will pursue inspection tours of all water springs and artesian wells to ensure that they provide pure water for citizens.

Dakhqan said that the water situation in the Kingdom was satisfactory and sound but WAJ had to introduce rationing programmes to ensure equal and sufficient amounts of water for all regions.

"In case of any disruption of water supplies, WAJ is authorised to provide water in water tanks free of charge to all homes," the minister said.

A water rationing plan was announced on July 18 by WAJ Director General Mu'taz Bilbeisi who said that the plan was war-

rant in view of the big increase in demand for water in summer.

According to Bilbeisi, pumping of water will follow a rotary system to various parts of Amman for a limited number of hours per week.

However, he promised that water supply would not be disrupted for more than 36 hours at one time in any given area of the capital.

Bilbeisi advised consumers to store water in tanks during the pumping hours during the application of the plan in the coming two months.

The WAJ director said that pumping sufficient amounts of water to west and north Amman districts was a problem for the authority because the existing pipeline network does not reach all regions in the west and north of the capital.

Last Wednesday WAJ published a full programme of water distribution to various regions and said that it will go into effect immediately.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, interviewed Engineer Abdul Rahman Al Omari, director of WAJ's Planning Department,

who said that the operations room was a necessity to ensure that all staff work according to plan, and implement the set timetable for water distribution or maintenance of water networks.

Dr. Kamel Radaideh, director of WAJ's Administration Department, said that laboratories operated by the authority work day and night to test samples of water from different resources and networks to ensure that water is not contaminated.

Radaideh urged members of the public to rationalise the use of

water because he said Jordan's underground water reserves are limited.

According to Radaideh, around 70 million cubic metres of water are pumped to Amman every year from Ostal, Zizya, Swaja, Qatraneh, Azraq and Al Qach.

According to Mahmoud Hiyari, director of operations and workshops, a total of 250,000 cubic metres of water are being pumped on a daily basis to Greater Amman region during this part of the year when a considerable rise in the volume of consumption is expected.

Dakhqan who visited WAJ centres in Amman, Salt and Zarqa concluded his tour by a visit to WAJ's Department of Laboratories where he inspected progress of work and was briefed on the various operations and water quality control.

On Thursday, Dakhqan said that the Ministry of Water and Irrigation will close any water spring of the water of which proves to be contaminated.

Dakhqan said drinking water was found to be used by some private farm owners for irrigation.

"WAJ has been providing these farms with water for drinking purposes but it was discovered that it was used to irrigate crops," he said. This violation of regulations was the cause of some water shortages in a number of villages.

"Altogether, 146 farms were involved in improper use of water supplies in the Amman and Naour district," he said in an interview with Petra that Jordan's water resources are limited and a

network to ensure that water is not contaminated.

A report in Al Dustour Arabic daily said that Jordan has suggested through the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee that Royal Jordanian operate four weekly flights from Amman to Damascus as of Aug. 1.

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Dudin: Israel exports second class goods to Arab areas under occupation

## Jordanian laws violated in occupied territories

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin blasted Israel's tampering with Jordanian laws in the occupied Arab territories, calling such practices a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention.

Dudin said the Israelis have been introducing "what they call 'package legislations' which Jordan considers a blend of defence orders from the British mandate authorities in Palestine and Israeli military and administrative laws on land issues in the Israeli-held Arab territories."

The minister addressed the closing session of the Jordanian-Palestinian Joint Committee which convened to discuss a study on Israel's taxation policies in the occupied Arab territories.

Dudin said the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are the second largest market for Israeli goods after the United States; but, he said, Israel exports second-class goods to Arab areas under its control.

Before the occupation, which began in 1967, all citizens of Jordan's East and West Bank were treated as equals, and all taxes were channelled into the treasury to be recycled to the public in the form of services for the good of the nation, Dudin said at the meeting.

The minister urged the joint committee and its general secretary to draft a practical formula to help the Arab citizens of the occupied territories overcome the difficulties and deal with Israel's taxation policies.

According to statistics, Israel was said to have imposed \$500 million in different forms of taxes on the Arab population during 1986 alone.

The joint committee in March introduced measures to help the Palestinian people under occupation to meet their financial commitments by paying loans to the Amman-based Housing Bank and other organisations over protracted periods in easy instalments.

According to these measures, all premiums on housing loans from the Housing Bank given to families of martyrs or those serving sentences in Israeli jails, will be written off.

Premiums on housing loans from the joint committee, due by the end of 1988, will be postponed and loans to be given in



Marwan Dudin

the future will be payable over 25 instead of 15 years.

The committee said these measures were taken in view of the difficult conditions of the Arab population in the occupied territories.

On March 12, the committee announced the allocation of JD 32 million for financing projects in the occupied Arab lands.

The current uprising in the occupied lands have caused the death of nearly 400 people, and according to the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs' statements, issued last month, nearly 9,000 Arabs have been detained since December 1987 when the uprising started.

Last April, Dudin told a visiting group representing the World Council of Churches that Israel was flooding the occupied Arab territories with its own products, thus preventing the Arabs from marketing their crops and industrial products abroad.

## Haj Hassan invites Syrian counterpart for talks on joint transport projects

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan has extended an invitation to his Syrian counterpart to visit Jordan and hold talks on joint Jordanian-Syrian transport projects in general and Royal Jordanian flights to Damascus in particular.

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## Libyan team to arrive on July 28 to sign contracts with physicians

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A Libyan mission is due here on July 28 to conclude contracts with Jordanian physicians and specialists to work in Libyan hospitals, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Saturday.

Earlier this year 76 Jordanian doctors left for Libya to take up

post there and the Ministry of Health said that the door was still open for the employment of 160 doctors in Libyan hospitals.

Last month Jordan reached agreement with North Yemen for the employment of 200 doctors.

The report said that the mission members will interview doctors including those who had submitted applications for work in Libya.

The building of the Wahdeh Dam on the Yarmouk River near the Syrian-Jordanian border was at the top of the discussions.

## Municipality to open 2 junctions Sunday to ease traffic congestion

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Junctions near the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) in the Shmeisani district of Amman will be re-opened for traffic as of Sunday July 24, according to an announcement by the Greater Amman Municipality.

The announcement issued Saturday said that the traffic lights have been installed at the two junctions to organise the flow of traffic.

The two junctions which were closed for traffic in May when the interchanges at the Sports City and the Ministry of Interior areas were formally opened, are to be re-opened to facilitate the flow of traffic between Shmeisani and Jabal Amman on the one hand and Jabal Hussein area on the other, the announcement said.

Ever since its opening, the interchange at the Interior Ministry area has witnessed congestion of traffic, and many complaints were raised for the long delays at the interchange.

A report submitted to Public Security Department (PSD), which is joining forces with the municipality to find a solution to the problem, said that the flow of traffic was not distributed in an organised manner along the network of roads within the interchange zone; and this resulted in a low-level flow in some routes and high density on others.

The report urged concerned authorities to re-examine the situation and re

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## World-wide disengagement?

IRAN'S unconditional acceptance of the United Nations call for a ceasefire in the protracted Iran-Iraq war cannot but strengthen the rising feeling that the international political climate and superpower relations have taken a dramatic turn over the past year towards the settlement of a host of regional conflicts which had appeared to be intractable. The outstanding examples of the shift are the Geneva agreement on Afghanistan, the four-party accord on Namibian independence, the resumed Chad-Libya dialogue over their border dispute, the Vietnamese decision to withdraw its forces from Kampuchea and the Jakarta talks that begin tomorrow on how to settle the Kampuchean problem, the shaky but holding Sandinista-contra ceasefire in Nicaragua and the dramatic Warsaw Pact offer to launch talks on reducing conventional arms and troops in Europe. The common denominator in all these regional hotspots is direct or superpower involvement, and there is little doubt that none of these deadlocked conflicts could ever have hoped for solutions had it not been for the vivid change in superpower thinking that began with the signing of the intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty in November last year. Needless to say it was the interaction between better superpower relations and the realisation of the belligerents of the folly in pursuing protracted conflicts that brought about progress in defusing regional powderkegs. But let us not forget that much more devastating and tragic conflicts await solution; the people of Lebanon and Ethiopia will no doubt continue to remind the world of their plight after years of bloody strife.

Having said all this, we are at a loss to assess what lies in store for the Palestinian people and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Do we take the prospects of peace in the Gulf as the forerunner for superpower cooperation to address the fundamental issues involved in the Middle East problem or do we resign ourselves to the possibility that the Arab-Israeli status quo will continue until such time the Palestinian uprising by itself will force the Israeli hand to seek a just and honourable peace?

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



Al Ra'i: Solidarity with freedom fighters

MUSLIM pilgrims in the holy places Saturday stand at the Mount of Ararat near Mecca to perform their last rites before the Eid Al Adha (feast of sacrifice). Saturday our Muslim brothers in the occupied Arab territories stand at Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem praying and proving to the world at large their determination to defend their holy places and confront the aggressors. These brothers continue the struggle against the Israeli occupation forces, seeking freedom for themselves and liberation for their homeland. This is a holy day for Muslims who seek unity and who ought to display support for their brothers in the Israeli held Arab lands. This is a day of remembering the holy places in the occupied Arab territories and the people who are waging a just struggle for freedom. The Muslims and the Arabs are in need of total unity and solidarity in the face of the common challenges and threats and in their endeavour to help their brothers under Israeli rule to remove the yoke of colonialism and occupation. This is a day for Muslims to act together in harmony and with one accord for regaining their rights and their homeland.

AJ Dustour: Et tu Romania

CONSISTENT reports about a deal between Romania and Israel for facilitating the transit of Jews from the Soviet Union to occupied Palestine prompts us to ask questions of concern to the Arab Nation. Indeed relevant questions ought to be asked to all parties involved in the Middle East conflict in general and the Palestinians in particular. We do not believe that the Soviet Union has opened the door wide for Jewish immigrants to emigrate to Israel as was demanded by the World Jewish Congress and world Zionist organisations. It is rather unlikely for the Soviet Union which is a traditionally strong friend of the Arabs to succumb to Israeli or American or Zionist pressure and offer Israel this service. Moscow realised that such action would be interpreted as a gift to Israel whose leaders continue to reject all peace bids. At the same time, we do not want to see Romania playing this go-between role in exchange for a cheap price that is not appropriate of Romania's status as a European country and a friend of the Arabs. We would like to hear Romania denying such allegations and such reports which have been leaked by Israel which aims to distort Romanian-Arab relations. We would like to maintain the Arab Nation's strong relations with Romania and would like to disbelieve all reports coming out from Israel or propagated by Israeli organisations. We hope that Romania and other concerned parties would furnish reassurances to help maintain its existing ties of friendship with the Arab World.

Sawt Al Shaab: Significant visit

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai's visit to the Irbid Governorate in response to directives from His Majesty King Hussein is in line with the government's policy of ensuring basic services to all people in different parts of the Kingdom. This visit was significant since it opened the door for a dialogue between the cabinet members and local citizens who aired their views and presented their demands. Rifai, who opened a national park and laid the foundation stone for the new municipality building, set the stage for greater cohesion between the government and people and a greater measure of cooperation for serving national interests. The prime minister had the chance to carry out an assessment of the economic and social situation in the Irbid Governorate, and a close hand study of the problems encountered by Irbid municipality specially in connection with the sewerage and water projects in the area. There is no doubt that this visit and the talks over various issues will pave the way for the provision of better services by the government and municipalities for the citizens.

## Sunday's Economic Pulse

## Ministry of Finance escaped the heat

AT one time we used to look at the size of foreign reserves owned by the Central Bank of Jordan to draw comfort and spur confidence. The reserves were sufficient to cover 11 months of imports when the first governor, Khalil Al Salem handed over the bank to his successor Sa'id Nabulsi. The reserves dropped to two months of imports only when Nabulsi handed the Bank over to Hussein Al Qassem. The reserves now are much less now.

The new reality calls for a different perception of the problem. The stock of free and convertible dollars with the Central Bank are not more than \$50-\$100 million, an insignificant amount by any standard. From now on we should care about the proper matching of receipts and payments of foreign exchange to strike a balance, a process that does not call for a substantial reserve with the Central Bank.

Upon reading the balance of payment for 1987, we find that total receipts of Jordan in foreign exchange from all sources reached \$3.5 billion, or 50 times the size of the foreign reserve currently held by the Central Bank, which we overemphasised its importance.

There is hardly any country in the world which receives foreign exchange as high as 75 per cent of its gross national product. What we need is to reconcile these huge receipts with our needs according to

their priorities. So that the two sides are balanced at worse, or leave a small surplus at best.

Capital flight was the main drain that swallowed a major chunk of the country's receipts in foreign exchange. The Central Bank's regulations have effectively denied access of such illegal practices to the country's pool of foreign currencies; therefore, we supported the regulations as means for the proper matching of receipts with legitimate needs of the society.

We are not fond of regulations and restrictions, but we could not afford any more to leave illegitimate needs take the lions share of our contracting receipts of foreign exchange.

The regulations issued recently are far from being ideal or desirable but those who oppose the regulations were unable to raise their voices, simply because only capital flight was not accommodated.

They claim that the restrictions will create a black market. We believe that this is not the case, because there is no reason for any citizen to tap the black market for normal and legal needs. If he was after smuggling capital abroad we don't have to protect him from paying a premium in a black market, as an incentive not to do so.

On the other hand, it was observed that people were not willing to pay over 380-390 fils for the dollar even when the banking system ceased to deal in foreign exchange for several days. The demand on the dollar dropped to zero as soon as the price rose to 390 fils. This is a clear indication that the black market has no place.

Finally one has to observe the complete absence of the Ministry of Finance, who kept silent as if it was not concerned or related to what was going on in the financial and monetary scene.

People looked to the Central Bank for explanation and action as if it was the only responsible body for the crisis, while the Ministry of Finance is supposed to be the political reference for all financial and monetary policies of the government.

As a matter of fact the scarcity of dollars and the deficit in the balance of payments could not be analysed or dealt with in isolation from the deficit in the budget which reached 14 per cent of GNP in 1987.

It is quite astonishing that the country witnessed a monetary and financial crisis of this magnitude while the Ministry of Finance was keeping its distance, without taking its share of the beat.

## OPEN FORUM

### Facing the facts

THOSE who specialise in child psychology say that fantasising is absolutely necessary for children. Children must escape into fairy tales, imagined escapades and dream worlds. Life is far too complex for their young minds. They cannot come to grips with it so they take small "vacations" into the land of make-believe and for a while become a cowboy or a red Indian or whatever. As they get older this gradually falls into place and reality comes to the fore for they are now of an age that they have to cope with it. But does this always happen? Are there not many among us who continue to fantasise well into adulthood? Maybe our make-believe world is no longer about fairies and daring deeds but it is not fantasy nevertheless if it is not based on the solid truth of the facts as they are—and not as we wish them to be. Let us take one fact only and see where we stand in regard to it. The fact of AIDS. AIDS exists and that is a hard fact. We cannot wish it away or ignore it simply because it will not go away. About 150 countries have reported cases of AIDS. When notifications first started the numbers were small but sooner they have risen to alarming proportions. We now have the numbers well into the thousands and increasing. About 5 million are believed to be carriers. Some countries are submitting statistics which no one can believe. Is AIDS going to be cured in those countries by the tactic of hiding the facts? AIDS is proving to be more of a nightmare than the ever present nuclear threat. The real horror lies in the fact that there is still no cure in sight. In 1929 Fleming came up with penicillin. Later Pasteur produced his vaccine against the killer diphtheria. Smallpox has been wiped out of our world. But AIDS remains a killer on the prowl with no known way to stop it. It infests men, women, children and even the unborn. It strikes on the well and the sick, the young and the old, and whoever gets it faces death sooner or later, but usually sooner. Most of us know how AIDS is transmitted. We can become infected through blood. Babies can inherit it from their mothers and it is transmitted most frequently of all by sexual contact with an infected person. It is because of this last fact that so many countries play down the numbers of inflicted people. It is tantamount to admitting loose morals, they think. Obviously loose morals will help spread AIDS just as it has always helped spread the various sexual diseases, but AIDS has unfortunately other more innocent ways of transmission. For us here in Jordan it would seem important to face the facts that AIDS is a fact of the world.

Ignorance protects no one, it simply renders a person more vulnerable. We have AIDS cases here and we will have more. Students and travellers go abroad with little warning of how easy it is to pick up this awful illness. Why do we not, in the schools and colleges, show films and slides, give lectures and statistics to our young people? Frighten them as any good parents do about other things, for their own children's good.

Here in Jordan, we are a fairly small country that does not have the horrifying problems facing other countries. Some African countries have as high as 20 per cent of their rural population in a state of advanced malnutrition. Throughout the world 10-12 million people die from sheer hunger each year. We don't have these sorts of problems here but we do have problems nevertheless. We have AIDS, we have drugs and we have excessive smoking. We discuss individual cases but somehow we either justify our findings or discard the issue as not serious enough for too much attention. It is a good thing that we have a severe law against drug trafficking in Jordan. But it is not enough. Are we doing anything to sensitise our people to the ultimate degradation and horror of drugs? What of smoking? Are we showing our young people that smoking is not a sign of adulthood but quite the reverse. To be free is the sign of maturity, to be addicted is slavery.

Drugs are often used for the first time when trying to cope with a problem. What is wrong with us that makes us unable to face up to a problem? Have we no families to help us? Have we no God to turn to? Can our society not help in some way? Must we resort to drugs?

I myself know a young man who was brilliant in school. He passed through Tawjihi without a hitch and then—drugs. I met him recently walking with a very abnormally straight back and head thrown back. "Hi Sam," I said. "Hi," he replied waving his stick at me. "What does that mean?" I asked. "It means," he said with studied deliberation "that I am high and you are nil," and with that profound statement he walked on. I felt so sad. Where did we fail that boy that he felt the need to take to drugs. His life is ruined beyond repair. He is now where no adult has a right to be, in a world of fantasy. Not the lovely fantasised world of the innocent child, but a confused, blurred, unhappy world of flashing colours and lights and nowhere to go.

Fr. Musa Adel

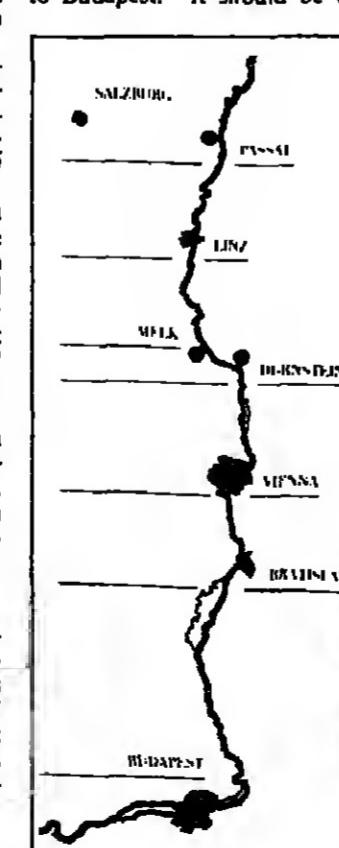
## LETTERS

### Plenty of both

YOUR July 23 issue provides characteristic Jordan Times food for thought. On page 2 Ms. Aysar Akrawi complains of a real lack of stimulating events in Amman. Not so: On May 2, June 2 and again last week, local currency markets provided endless excitement and — for the observer — amusement and stimulation. The recent gyrations in the value of the Iraqi dinar as well as May and June's run on the Jordanian dinar were anything but dull. Ms. Akrawi should realise that Wall Street is always more stimulating than Broadway.

On a more serious note, page 4 of the same issue contains Ms. Reem Mouasher's complaint about maltreatment of the handicapped. What she perhaps doesn't realise (or is too polite to mention) is that the real handicap in this case belongs to the person who spoke and behaved in an abusive manner. Underdevelopment is not just a matter of stagnant GNP, low investment or other economic problems; underdevelopment is a handicap from which most of us, citizens of the Third World, suffer.

Riad Al Khouri  
Amman



### Various themes

"From that could come political, cultural and economic impulses extended to the relations of the two superpowers," he said recently. "A major joint project between East and West could be a historic milestone in this development."

Apart from the slogan "Bridges to the Future," Bechtel

came up with such themes as "the world of arts," "the world of homes," "the world of sciences," "the world of youth" and "the world of trade."

"The subjects must be of interest in 1995 and general enough to give space to the imagination," says Peter Balazs, a senior trade ministry official heading the preparatory committee on the Habsburg side.

Vienna and Budapest, capitals until 1918 of the dual Habsburg monarchy and now of a capitalist and Communist country respectively, lie more than 250 kilometres apart by road.

But the enthusiastic and multilingual Balazs, a former diplomat in Brussels, insists that 1995 events in the two capitals should form a single event.

"It must be one exhibition, not two in nearby cities," he said in an interview with a Reuter correspondent during a recent visit to Budapest. "It should be

two halves of an apple with a very close contact."

An absolute precondition for this is better transport between the two cities. Currently there are few flights and the fastest train takes nearly three hours. By car the trip takes about four hours longer if there are queues at the border.

A shuttle plane service is planned between the two cities, with light planes from Vienna able to land right next to a green-field site planned for development in Budapest on the highly outskirts of Budapest close to the motorway.

A question of cost

The goal is to make the journey possible in two hours. Balazs says a four-hour return trip is the maximum which would be tolerated by visitors.

Officials in both Austria and Hungary are working overtime to prepare plans and costings for a motorway between the capitals — only about 80 kilometres exists at the moment — and other necessary improvements in the infrastructure.

One high priority is a modern phone system for Hungary, where telecommunications could be described politely as "underdeveloped." Another is speedier frontier controls.

What will it all cost? And can Hungary afford it when the country is struggling with debts, deficits and soaring prices?

Estimates for the Austrian side alone have ranged from one to 15 billion schillings (\$75 million to \$1.2 billion).

Balazs says he has seen no realistic estimates and that most of the necessary investment had been slated for the next few years in any case. The rest could be gathered by diverting or delaying other projects, and expo buildings could serve useful purposes afterwards.

"All the examples of previous world expos have proved that they brought about a general improvement in those countries," he says. "I lived five years in Brussels and I know that everything that works there dates back

### Moscow seeks verification

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lear missile at the Kapustin Yar test site in the Volgograd region, the TASS news agency said Saturday.

TASS said the missile was the first SS-20 to go under the INF treaty which took effect last month.

Captain John Williams led the U.S. inspection team.

A second group of American missile experts arrived in East Germany Friday to inspect sites covered by the INF treaty, the state-run ADN news agency reported.

## S. Arabia denies Iranian claim

LONDON (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia Saturday described as "lies and fabrication" a report from Iran that hundreds of pilgrims demonstrated in Mecca Friday.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA), monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, quoted a responsible source as saying the Tehran radio report was "totally fabricated and it has no basis of truth whatsoever."

"It comes as one in the chain of lies and fabrications which are spread by Iran for the purpose of sensationalism, agitation and turning facts upside down," SPA quoted the source as saying.

Teheran Radio claimed Friday that hundreds of pilgrims, including Arabs, Turks, Pakistanis, Afghans and Americans, had demonstrated in Mecca against Israel, the United States and the Soviet Union.

It claimed Saudi police surrounded the demonstrators, who carried placards condemning Riyadh for the death of some 400 people, mostly pilgrims, in clashes during last year's pilgrimage.

Iranian leaders have vowed revenge for last year's bloodshed which they said was caused by Saudi security forces.

Iran also said pilgrims demonstrated in Mecca Wednesday but Saudi Arabia denied the report.

Parts of the Friday's report by the government-run Iranian radio were indistinct, but monitors said they did not hear any reference to injuries in Friday's alleged violence.

Saudi officials issued repeated statements stressing that the annual rituals were unrolling peacefully.

"The pilgrims ascended after the Friday prayers from Mecca to Medina in record time and completed at an early hour," said General Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh, director general

of security for Saudi Arabia, in a statement to Saudi radio.

"The ascent took place without any incident or traffic congestion and in calm and security."

He said he expected the same to take place as the pilgrims, after dawn prayers Saturday, begin another ascent to Mt. Arafat for the culmination of the Hajj, the ceremonial stoning of the devil.

Sheikh did not refer directly to the Iranian reports of demonstration.

Prince Majid, governor of Mecca, issued a statement to the radio hailing the success of the first stage of the main Hajj rituals.

The Saudi interior minister, Prince Nayef ibn Abdul Aziz, told a news conference last Saturday: "All precautions have been taken to face any emergency whatsoever."

He said anyone undermining security would be "taught a lesson that will make others not even think of any similar action."

He said Iranians would not be harried from making the pilgrimage to Mecca this year. "The door is always open for them," he declared.

Saudi authorities announced earlier that the number of pilgrims would be restricted this year to one for every 1,000 residents of each Muslim country and Aziz said Iran was included in this restriction.

Saudi authorities closed entry points to the kingdom Monday. This is a traditional measure necessary to organise transport to the holy sites.

Saudi security forces were put on full alert earlier this month as people began pouring in for the pilgrimage.

Saudi authorities have blamed Iran for instigating the Mecca riots last year. Iran has blamed "violence" by Saudi security forces for the deaths during political demonstrations by Iranian pilgrims against Iran's enemies.



STEPPED-UP DRIVE: Israeli soldiers line up a Palestinian boy against the wall in Jerusalem after detaining him for searching and questioning in a stepped-up drive to forestall anti-occupation protests in the occupied city

## Tunisia pardons 932 prisoners

TUNIS (Agencies) — Tunisia has announced an Eid Al Adha amnesty that would free 392 political and common law prisoners, including Islamic fundamentalists, communists and Arab nationalists.

In addition the wide-sweeping pardon will rehabilitate — or restore full political rights — to 1,052 former offenders, 60 of whom are trade unionists, the official news agency TAP said late Friday.

The amnesty, to mark Eid Al Adha, is the fifth major one since President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali came to power in November after his predecessor, Habib Bourguiba, was declared semilegitimate and removed from office.

TAP said 180 of those pardoned Friday were political prisoners and 752 were common law prisoners.

Official sources here, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the pardon did not cover those convicted of bombing four tourist hotels Aug. 2 in an attack that injured 13 people, include 12 foreign visitors.



Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali

## Countdown starts for Lebanese elections

BEIRUT (Agencies) — President Amin Gemayel Saturday entered the last two months of his six-year term, the period in which the remnants of Lebanon's parliament must elect a successor.

The election period, specified under the constitution, began the day after a car bomb killed 10 people in west Beirut, the latest in a series of blasts apparently aimed at disrupting Syrian efforts to ensure smooth elections.

Speaker Hussein Hussein is expected to set a date for the 76 surviving members of the 99-seat house to meet and elect a successor to the 46-year-old Maronite leader.

Three Maronites are official candidates but reports say scores of politicians, lawyers and businessmen are running for the office, which is reserved for a Maronite under Lebanon's confessional system of allocating government posts.

The deputies vote in a secret ballot for anyone, whether or not a declared candidate. The winner needs two-thirds of the first round votes and an absolute majority in the second ballot.

The 13-year-old civil war has made elections impossible in Lebanon, and the neo-classical parliament building standing amid the destruction of Beirut's militia battlefronts is one of the few remaining symbols of state.

No clear front-runner has emerged but both Christian and Muslim parliamentarians appear agreed that the next president should come from the house, political sources say.

Most Lebanese view the deputies, last elected in 1972, as moderates in the extremist chaos of a nation broken into fiefdoms ruled by militia chieftains.

Shiite leader Nabih Berri last month threatened to block presidential elections unless the constitution were changed to give Lebanon's Muslim majority more say in the country's affairs.

In pre-election preparations, Interior Minister Abdallah Al Rassi said the Lebanese army would deploy in Beirut and its suburbs "to prevent and restrain any non-legal military presence

west Beirut and other cities under their control after the third car-bombing near one of their installations in Lebanon this year.

A police officer said the Syrians also prevented motorists from parking vehicles near Syrian army bases in an apparent effort to avoid further car-bomb attacks.

The police officer, who cannot be named under standing procedure, said a yellow Mercedes-Benz rigged with 15 kilograms of explosives went off near a Syrian intelligence base in west Beirut's working class Cola neighbourhood Friday.

The officer said police did not have a report on casualties among the Syrian soldiers at the intelligence base and a nearby checkpoint.

## Turkey unconcerned by Dukakis' origins

ANKARA (R) — The prospect of Greek immigrant's son, Michael Dukakis, becoming the next American president, is not unduly worrying Turkey, officials said Saturday.

"Dukakis, like others whose forebears were immigrants, is an American," said one senior Turkish official who asked not to be named. "Since they are Americans they will uphold their national interests above everything else."

"This is why makes no difference to us if the next president should be someone of Greek origin... the election is an internal affair of the United States," he said.

Turkey, a member of the Western NATO alliance, last January started rapprochement with neighbouring Greece after three decades of enmity over Aegean Sea rights and Cyprus.

"Experience has shown us that campaigning and governing are two different things. (President Ronald) Reagan is of Irish origin but for the past eight years he has served the interests of the

"Positive — Dukakis has many good advisers who know American aid very well. If Dukakis will listen to them he will give the necessary importance to Turkey and also be effective in encouraging Greece to form a consensus with Turkey.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### Cyprus leaders agree to U.N. talks

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The president of Cyprus and the leader of the Turkish-Cypriot community on the island have agreed to resume talks in New York next month. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced Friday, Perez de Cuellar told reporters he would host a lunch for President George Vassiliou and Rauf Denktash at the United Nations. "I hope we can have very important discussions" he said.

### Planes join Sudan locust battle

ADDIS ABABA (R) — Pest spraying aircraft are being rushed to Sudan to deal with a sudden invasion of locusts, a pest control official said Friday. Ahmad Ibrahim of the Addis Ababa-based desert locust control organisation of East Africa told Reuters that the organisation was sending all six of its aircraft to Sudan this week. He said his organisation was responding to official reports from Sudan that eight swarms of locusts had been sighted since July 9, spreading over areas between two hectares and 30 square kilometres.

### Egypt intercepts drug haul

SUEZ (AP) — Narcotics worth millions of dollars were found Friday board a British-registered cargo ship named Rees Star, authorities in this Suez canal port city said. They said the seized narcotics included four tons of opium, two tons of hashish and 400 kilograms of heroin. The ship was in Dubai and Port Sudan before coming to Suez, the officials said. They said its 10 crew members were Sudanese, Tanzanians and Kenyans.

### Qadhafi says F-16s in Italy a threat

ROME (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was reported Friday as condemning Italy's acceptance of 72 U.S. F-16 fighter-bombers which he said were a threat to peace in the Mediterranean. "It is a step that compromises and threatens peace in the Mediterranean and we condemn the Italian government for this," he told *Epoche* magazine in an interview conducted July 16 and released ahead of publication next week. Italy's parliament voted earlier this month to accept the 72 nuclear-capable planes, which have to be moved from Spain within three years under an agreement between Washington and Madrid. "In the event of a third world war, Italy would be a target for the Warsaw Pact forces because of the F-16s. Libya does not feel happy about this," Qadhafi was quoted as saying.

### Iran-contra jury gets extension

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge Friday granted a six-month extension in the life of the Iran-contra grand jury, allowing prosecutors to continue investigations into illegal contra resupply operations in Central America. The extension follows the indictment last month of a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) station chief in Costa Rica and comes as independent counsel Lawrence Walsh prepares for the trial of Oliver North, a former White House aide. North and three others are charged with conspiring to illegally divert profits from U.S.-Iran arms sales to the Nicaraguan contra rebels. U.S. District Chief Judge Aubrey E. Robinson ordered the grand jury — a panel examining whether to bring down trial indictments — to continue its work through Jan. 27, 1989, extending its original 18-month authority into the term of the next president. It had been scheduled to dissolve July 28.

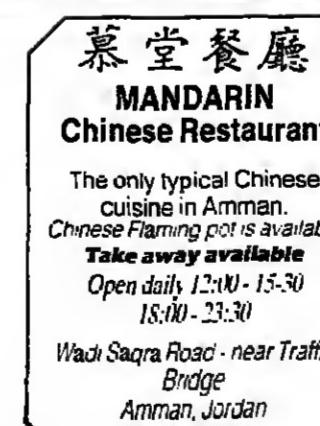
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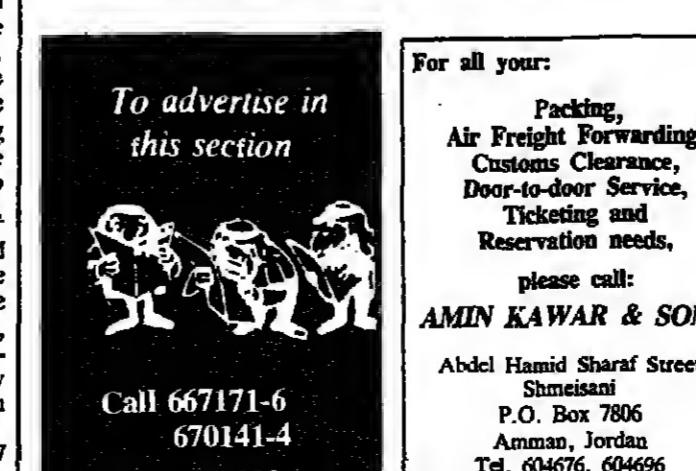
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## Foreigners may activate Turkish stock market

**ANKARA (R)** — Turkey's move to allow foreign investors to deal in domestic shares is likely to revitalise the fledgling Istanbul Stock Exchange and help the government's privatisation programme, officials and brokers said.

"It is too early to tell what the effect will be, but in the long run it should be helpful," said Niko Maksymiadis, managing director of brokers Turkinvest.

The government has said foreign investors were allowed, with immediate effect, to buy shares on the exchange and repatriate profits.

"I think many people will come into the market for a trial period," Maksymiadis, who had his first overseas inquiry soon after the announcement, told Reuters.

"The only question is one of capital gains tax. That part is very vague," he said.

Broker Naim Alpar also warned of risks.

"If foreign investors take profits and dividends abroad, the Turkish economy may be adversely affected. Also, they may take over the market and this may cause domestic investors to withdraw," he said.

A senior exchange official, who asked not to be named, said: "The new announcement will have a positive effect on the market. It will cause prices to rise."

"This is something the government has been working on for the past two years. The government

some of them lost life savings. Revitalisation of the exchange is likely to give fresh impetus to the government's privatisation programme.

The first long-delayed flotation, with 22 per cent of the profitable Teletas telecommunications company for sale, was launched Feb. 29, three weeks after the market was hit by hard monetary measures to bolster Turkey's ailing economy.

The next sale to the public, of five state-owned cement factories, was postponed from June to September.

"We are expecting foreign investors to take a larger share in the Turkish market," the exchange official said.

"This move will also encourage the privatisation programme because stock market inactivity has forced the privatisation activities into doubt and discouraged it," he added.

Brokers said they expected potential... was at an insufficient volume. But when foreign demands come in, the market will gain an international character. This will cause prices to go up," the exchange official said.

Many big issues are from family-owned firms nervous of public holdings. Generally, they do not place more than 20 per cent of their shares on the market.

This caution stems from a long tradition of family ownership and secrecy, while the public remembers crashes in unlicensed market dealings in 1982 and 1983 when

Trading volume is currently at a low ebb, averaging about 1.4 billion lira (\$980,000) a week this month compared with about six billion (\$4.2 billion) a week last August.

Brokers said they expected

foreigners to go for shares in firms which have sound and established track records.

Last week's move to open up

the market to foreign investors, announced in the official gazette, said profits, dividends or interest could be used to buy new shares on the market, but funds could also be transferred abroad.

Foreign investors owning Tur-

kish stocks will have to register with the state planning organisation if they want to attend board meeting or participate in com-

panies' activities.

## Maruti foresees European sales

**NEW DELHI (R)** — Maruti, India's newest and most successful car company, has bright prospects for selling its 800-cc subcompact in East and West Europe, Asia and Africa, its chairman told reporters.

Chairman Venkataraman Krishnamurthy said earlier this month that Hungary had taken delivery earlier this year of 500 of Sanjay Gandhi, younger son of prime minister Indira Gandhi.

Aiming for an all-Indian car, Sanjay bulldozed his project through against all opposition but failed to produce a single roadworthy vehicle, and the company was wound up even before his death in a plane crash in 1980.

The government reorganised Maruti in 1981, brought in Suzuki in a joint venture and the first car rolled off the line in December 1983.

The company achieved record turnover of 8,03 billion rupees (\$574 million) in the year ended March 31 against 6,62 billion rupees (\$473 million) in 1986-87, and announced record pretax profits of 264 million rupees (\$18.9 million) after 102 million rupees (\$7.3 million) the previous year.

With these results, Krishnamurthy was able to announce to its annual meeting the company's first dividend, of five per cent. The 88 million 100-rupee (\$7)

shares are nearly all owed by the government except for Suzuki Motor Company's 26 per cent stake. Suzuki has an option to increase the holding to 40 per cent and has said it will do so in the coming year.

But Krishnamurthy said Suzuki had promised to reinvest its dividend revenue of 10.2 million rupees (\$730,000) rather than repatriating it to Japan.

Maruti's output is still small by world standards, with sales last year of 94,033 vehicles, scheduled to rise to 105,000 in the current year.

But a 1000-cc three box model, also from a Suzuki design, will be added to the range in 1990, initially 70 per cent Indian-made, and the potential for greatly increased sales clearly exists.

In India the basic 800 cc model sells for 77,000 rupees (\$5,500), of which Krishnamurthy said 13,000 (\$930) was accounted for by excise duty and 12,300 (\$880) by customs duty on the Japanese components.

This leaves a base export price of \$3,700, making the car an attractive proposition against its European competitors.

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## U.S. imposes sanctions against Brazil

**SANTA BARBARA, California (AP)** — President Ronald Reagan imposed trade sanctions against Brazil Friday in retaliation for that country's denial of patent protections for U.S. pharmaceutical products.

Acting under a section of the U.S. trade act of 1974, Reagan started a process that will lead to sanctions against \$200 million worth of yet unspecified Brazilian imports.

Reagan's move came after what the White House said was a year-long quest by the U.S. government and the American pharmaceutical industry to persuade Brazil to enact "adequate patent protection."

Brazil has been unwilling to abolish longstanding industrial property code which holds that pharmaceutical products and the pharmaceutical manufacturing

process are ineligible for patent protection.

Reagan occasionally has invoked sections of the trade laws to retaliate against countries suspected of engaging in unfair trade practices, and Congress is near completion of legislation that would revamp American trade laws.

Reagan vetoed an earlier version, citing several factors, including a provision requiring major employers to give workers at least 60 days notice of layoffs and plant closings. That provision now has been passed, as separate legislation, by both the House and Senate with veto-proof margins.

The White House has not said specifically whether Reagan would veto the new plant-closing bill, although that is believed to be his intention. Nor has it said

whether he would veto the revised trade bill, which is still pending in the Senate.

Last year, Reagan imposed sanctions against Japan, accusing it of dumping electronic products into the United States at below-market prices and of refusing to open its own markets to U.S. computer components.

In the case of Brazil, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association petitioned the government for an investigation, arguing that Brazil's refusal to protect intellectual property rights restricted U.S. commerce and cost American pharmaceutical manufacturers more than \$160 million from 1979-86.

A Reagan administration official, commenting on condition of anonymity, said the loss to U.S. producers is running at about \$3 million a year.

## Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, July 16, '88 and ending Wednesday July 20, '88. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
<b>Banking and financial institutions</b>					
Industrial Development Bank .....	400	612	1,590	1,530	1.000
Petra Bank .....	1000	1970	1,920	1,970	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank .....	6165	10764	1,770	1,740	1.000
Jordan Kuwaiti Bank .....	3475	5005	1,450	1,440	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank .....	3160	3918	1,250	1,240	1.000
Housing Bank .....	650	1203	1,830	1,860	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank .....	10500	22050	2,100	2,100	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank .....	1425	21209	15,200	15,150	5.000
Bank of Jordan .....	830	91673	111,000	112,500	10.000
Arab Bank .....	10700	27130	2,530	2,550	1.000
Jordan National Bank .....	1730	1592	0,930	0,920	1.000
Jordan Finance House for Development .....	15150	27532	2,000	2,110	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation .....	24150	14130	0,600	0,580	1.000
National Financial Investments .....	400	720	1,800	1,800	1.000
National Portfolio Securities .....	11952	8604	0,710	0,720	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation [Jordan] .....	2300	3144	1,360	1,380	1.000
Jordan Securities Corporation .....	1297	992	0,770	0,780	1.000
Real Estate Financing Corporation .....	25	400	19,000	16,000	2.000
Al Mashrek Exchange .....	—	—	—	—	10.000

## Insurance and reinsurance

Jordan French Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance .....	620	591	0,960	0,970	1.000
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance .....	2800	3074	1,100	1,080	1.000
Holy Land Insurance .....	950	1188	1,260	1,250	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance .....	300	243	0,830	0,810	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
General Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	10.000
Middle East Insurance .....	—	—	—	—	10.000
National Ahliya Insurance .....	973	1197	1,230	1,230	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance .....	1016	973	0,960	0,960	1.000

## Services and industries

General Investments .....	14165	9537	0,670	0,680	1.000
Imra for Investment and Financial Facilities .....	10824	56651	0,520	0,540	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment .....	7080	3474	0,480	0,490	1.000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment .....	5476	1719	0,320	0,320	1.000
Jordan Leasing					

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### West Ham signs Irish international

LONDON (R) — West Ham beat London soccer rivals Tottenham in the race to sign Walsall and Ireland international striker David Kelly. Kelly, valued at around half a million pounds sterling (\$870,000), joined his new club on Friday night. West Ham manager John Lyall said: "David is what I would describe as a natural player with plenty of flair and will bring a lot of exciting action to the club." Lyall said he expects a decision from England international Tony Cottee by Monday. The two-million pounds marksman is being pursued by Arsenal and Everton.

### Juventus sign Rui Barros from Porto

TURIN, Italy (R) — Juventus have signed midfielder Rui Gil Soares do Barros from Porto de Portugal, the Italian soccer club announced Saturday. Rui Barros, 22, has a four-year contract and will join Wales striker Ian Rush and Michael Laudrup of Denmark as the side's third foreign player. Juventus sources put the transfer fee at \$4 million.

### Italy budgets \$5 billion for World Cup

ROME (R) — The Italian cabinet authorised on Friday nearly 6,500 billion lire (\$5 billion) to be spent on transport, communications and hotels for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals. The sum is more than double that originally forecast and excludes spending on stadiums. Minister of Tourism Franco Carrara told a news conference the funds also covered other projects to improve life in the 12 cities hosting matches. The government and local organisers have said Italy needs to modernise its transport and telecommunications networks for the 31-day event. Eight million visitors are expected for the June 1990 finals.

### Hanika, Cecchini advance to semifinals

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France (AP) — The two top seeds, Sylvia Hanika of West Germany and Sandra Cecchini of Italy, led the way into the semifinals as the four quarterfinal winners Friday romped through their opponents in straight sets. Each of the losers managed no more than four games in any of the matches played. Hanika, the No. 1 seed and 16th-ranked player in the world, bested the French junior, Nathalie Guerret, 6-3, 6-1. Cecchini, the second seed, downed the young Spanish hope, Cochita Martinez, 6-3, 6-1. Judith Wiesner of Austria easily defeated Brazil's Neige Dias, 6-1, 6-3. Wiesner, the No. 6 seed, meets Cecchini in one semifinal. They met in the final of a Strasbourg tournament earlier in the year with Cecchini winning. Fifth-seeded Bettina Fulco of Argecina whipped Czechoslovakia's Iva Budarova, 6-1, 6-1, for the final semifinal berth against Hanika.

### Hoerner sets world best mark in swimming

POTSDAM, East Germany (R) — European champion and world record holder Silke Hoerner set the fastest 100 metres breaststroke time this year on Friday, the fourth day of the East German Swimming Championships. The 22-year-old Leipzig sports student came under intense pressure from Annett Rex, who had swum the previous season's best, but managed to reclaim her crown in one minute 8.74 seconds, just under a second short of her world record. Hoerner is also the European 200 metres breaststroke champion and took the silver medal over the distance at the last World Championships. In the women's 100 metres butterfly, European champion Kristin Otto was just squeezed out by national title holder Birte Weigang in 59.65 seconds, the second fastest time this season behind China's Jiang Hong.

## UEFA officials being sued over Heysel stadium disaster

BRUSSELS (R) — Italian victims and relatives of those who died in the Heysel soccer stadium riot in 1985 are taking legal action for damages against the two top officials of the European Football Union (UEFA) and two Belgian officials, the public prosecutor's office said Friday.

UEFA president Jacques Georges and general-secretary Hans Bangerter and two local Belgian officials, including the mayor of Brussels, have been named to appear in court on the basis of the suit brought by Italian victims of the disaster, a spokesman said.

He said the four would appear on October 17 along with others charged in the case.

The suit, brought by about 100 Italian victims and their relatives, held the City of Brussels and UEFA partly responsible for the May 1985 disaster in which 39 football fans, mainly Italians, were killed in rioting before a European Football Cup final between Liverpool of England and Juventus of Italy.

The public prosecutor's office stressed the suit was a mainly civil action undertaken at the initiative of some of the Italian victims and not by Belgian justice authorities. "It will be up to the court to decide whether there is a criminal case to answer against them," the spokesman said.

The Italian plaintiffs were seeking damages of between half a million and 15 million Belgian francs (\$14,000 and \$40,000).

## Coe must run in Olympic trials

LONDON (R) — Double Olympic 1,500 metres champion Sebastian Coe has been told he must finish in the first two in Britain's Olympic trials next month or he will not defend his title in Seoul.

"Seb will have to prove himself. There is no question of the selection policy being changed," British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) spokesman Tony Ward said Friday.

The first two in the trials win automatic selection for the Seoul Olympics. World mile record holder Steve Cram is assured of the third 1,500 place in Seoul on the strength of his win in the Dream Mile in Oslo three weeks ago.

Ward said: "You can't go on picking people on sentiment alone. That would be unfair to our other world class 1,500 runners. "We would be delighted to see Seb come out and do well in the trial. There would then be no argument."

"But at the moment he has a weak band. He has not completed a 1,500 for nearly two years and we could be coming to the end of an era."

The 'Anacone-Hogstedt' match was suspended Wednesday



Delgado... boosts lead at top

## Connors outclasses Lozano

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Top-seed Jimmy Connors moved a step closer to his elusive 106th career title when he crushed 15th-seeded Jorge Lozano of Mexico 6-1, 6-2 in a third-round match at the \$415,000 D.C. Classic tennis tournament.

American Derrick Rostagno, seeded 16th, continued his run of upsets by eliminating seventh-seeded Darren Cahill 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 to advance to the semifinals. Rostagno had beaten countryman Brad Gilbert in the third round.

Connors, who has not won a tournament since 1984, buried the passive Lozano with his aggressive all-court play and broke the Mexican clay-courtier's serve twice in each set.

Connors will play his quarter-final match against 8th-seeded American compatriot Jay Berger Saturday, and the winner will play against Aaron Krickstein the same evening.

Rostagno, 32 in the world, fought off two brief rain delays and a strong serve-and-volley challenge to defeat Cahill in a highly competitive match.

Rostagno took a 5-3 lead in the first set, only to have Cahill level the match at 5-5 before play was delayed by rain. However, when the two went to a first-set tie-break, Rostagno hit three service winners, including two in a row, 5-3 to win the set.

### Hogstedt upsets Annacone

In Schenectady, New York, Sweden's Thomas Hogstedt upset second-seeded Paul Annacone in his twice-delayed second-round match Friday to \$175,000 OTB-Nabisco-Virginia Slims International Tennis Open.

The 'Annacone-Hogstedt' match was suspended Wednesday

night due to darkness and washed out Thursday by rain. When play resumed Friday, the two players were tied at 4 games apiece in the third set. Annacone won his serve easily and had match point against Hogstedt's serve in the next game but failed to break.

Hogstedt then came up with some outstanding passing shots to break Annacone's serve, and despite three double faults, several unforced errors from Annacone allowed Hogstedt to serve out the match and win 6-0, 6-2, 7-5.

## DAVIS CUP ROUNDUP

## West Germany nears Davis Cup final

DORTMUND, West Germany (Agencies) — Boris Becker and Eric Jelen put West Germany one step away from the Davis Cup final Friday, each scoring straight-set wins in the opening singles of their world group semifinal against Yugoslavia.

Becker won the battle of the big hitters, trading aces and then efficiently overwhelming Slobodan Zivojinovic 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

Jelen allowed himself the luxury of squandering break points galore, set points and even one match point before disposing of Goran Ivanisevic 9-7, 9-7, 6-2.

The victories left West Germany needing just one more victory from the remaining three matches to reach the final for the third time.

That success could well come in Saturday's doubles where Becker and Jelen are scheduled to meet Zivojinovic and 16-year-old Goran Ivanisevic.

The first match between the two countries' top players, always billed as the most important of the whole tie, turned on the 11th game of the first set.

Until the seventh games had been won to love and only eight points won against service as booming and lightning-fast serving on the swift carpet surface dictated play.

### U.S. beats Argentina

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, Andre Agassi of the United States steamrolled over Argetina's Martin Jaite 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 Friday to give the U.S. squad a 2-0 lead in the American zone final of the Davis Cup.

Earlier Friday, John McEnroe

## Marie wins 20th stage; Delgado still leads tour

CHALON-SUR-SAONE, France (Agencies) — France's Thierry Marie won the 20th stage of the Tour de France Friday as things settled down after two hectic days during which leader Pedro Delgado of Spain survived a drug controversy.

Delgado ended in the pack Friday, retaining a margin of about five minutes over Steven Rooks of the Netherlands in the overall standings.

Marie captured the 223.5-kilometre (138-mile) section from Clermont-Ferrand to Chalon-sur-Saone. He burst away from the pack in the last metres (yards) to hold a two-margin at the finish to win in 6 hours, 3 minutes, 45 seconds.

Friday's stage was decided in the final stretch. Earlier, Norway's Dag-Otto Lauritzen broke away from the field at around the 160-kilometre (100-mile) mark.

Later, the pack caught up with him and the race became one for the top sprinters.

Close behind Marie in second, third, fourth and fifth places were Jean-Paul van Poppel of the Netherlands, Jean-Pierre Heynderickx and Eddy Planckaert, both of Belgium, and Adri van der Poel of The Netherlands.

Davis Phinney of the United States was eighth in the stage.

Only two more stages are left in the tour — a 46-kilometre (29-mile) time trial in Satory and a 172.5-kilometre (106-mile) section from Nemours to Paris.

The race ends Sunday with a final sprint up the Champs Elysees.

Both stages are relatively flat and, barring an accident, Delgado is all but assured of victory.

Delgado continued his struggle for victory this week while facing accusations of drug use. He was cleared Thursday night of using any drugs forbidden by the tour.

The affair has undoubtedly tar-

nished Delgado's seemingly inevitable tour victory in Paris Sunday as the test showed he took the drug probenecid, banned last year by the International Olympic Committee as it is normally used to mask the taking of anabolic steroids.

The world cycling body is expected to add it to its own prohibited list during next month's World Championships in Belgium.

Delgado said he had not been affected by the controversy. "I just concentrate on getting on with the race," he said. "All the French supporters have been very good towards me. They applaud me a lot — it's a great feeling. From this year, I'm a bit French."

With the destiny of the tour being decided more by what happens in the laboratories and committee rooms, there was relatively little interest in events on the road.

But Marie, giving France only its second stage win of the tour, pulled off a remarkable coup to snatch victory from the brilliant Dutch sprinter Jean-Paul van Poppel, who has already mounted the winner's rostrum three times in the race.

Van Poppel's team patrolled the front of the pack towards the end of the race, quickly reacting to counter any breaks in efforts to prevent their sprint star.

But Marie outfoxed them by attacking 500 metres from the finish line, catching Van Poppel's men off guard at the moment an earlier break by Spaniard Inaki Gaston was being neutralised.

Van Poppel led the pack home two seconds behind Marie, with Jean-Pierre Heynderickx third. Delgado, Rooks and the other leading riders were all in the main bunch.

The 21st and penultimate stage of the tour is an individual time trial of 46 kms at Santenay.

the opening singles Friday.

George Kavapolenos led Owen Casey 7-5, 2-2 in the second match when play was abandoned for the day because of rain.

Hong Kong crushes Pakistan

In Hong Kong, Hong Kong won the doubles match at the Davis Cup tennis Asia-Oceania group 2 finals Saturday, giving it an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Pakistan in the team standings.

Hong Kong's Mark Bailey and Andy Brothers defeated the Pakistani pair of Musahish Kishal Zia and Hameed Ul Haq 6-3, 11-9, 2-6, 6-4.

In the opening singles matches Friday, Hong Kong's Colin Grant beat Musahish 6-1, 6-1, 6-3, and Bailey defeated Hameed 6-2, 6-3, 13-11.

The remaining two singles matches are to be played on Sunday.

Uruguay trounces Venezuela

In Montevideo, Uruguay, Diego Perez crushed Venezuela's Nicolas Perez 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in a marathon 4-hour opening singles match to give the U.S. team its first point in the best-of-five series.

The 18-year-old Agassi, ranked fifth in the world, was in total command of the match, passing Jaito at the net, down the sidelines and with deceptive drop shots.

Jaito, 22nd in the world, was left shaking his head on several Agassi winners.

Austria surprises England

In Vienna, Austria took a surprising lead against England 2-0 after the opening two singles to a Europe-Africa zone tennis final game in Zell Am See.

Austria's Thomas Muster crushed Steve Shaw of England in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 in the first match of the series.

In the second match, Horst Skoff trounced Jeremy Bates in four sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0, 6-0.

Muster, Austria's number 1 player, needed less than two hours to outplay the Briton, ranked 201st in the ATP computer standings.

Muster dominated throughout the game at the central clay courts in the alpine resort south of Salzburg.

In the closing set, the Austrian broke Shaw's service twice and each time his accurate and imaginative play drew loud cheers from his fans.

Ireland overpowers Greece

In Dublin, Ireland took a 1-0 lead over Greece in the Davis Cup Europe zone group two final when Matt Doyle beat Anastasis Bavelas 6-2, 6-2, 7-5 in straight sets.

The singles opener was delayed two hours by morning rain and brisk winds, but Perez wasted little time using his experience from years on the European tennis circuit to defeat the 20-year-old Pereira in straight sets.

## Griffith Joyner runs fast 200 metres

INDIANAPOLIS (R) — Florence Griffith Joyner sprinted to the eighth fastest 200 metres time ever, 21.77 seconds, at the U.S. Olympic trials Friday.

Griffith Joyner, wearing a bright yellow body suit and her long black hair flowing, surged around the final curve and defeated 1984 Olympic champion Valerie Brisco by six metres in the semifinal race.

The performance, into a headwind of 0.1 metres per second, shattered the U.S. record of 21.81 seconds that Brisco set at the Los Angeles games.

Griffith Joyner, who had run 10.49 seconds for the 100 metres world record last weekend, will attempt to better the 200 metres world record Saturday, the concluding day of the nine-day meeting that is deciding the U.S. team for Seoul.

She clocked 21.96 seconds in the opening round of the 200 metres Friday morning.

In other action, Jackie Joyner-Kersee recorded 7.22 metres in qualifying for the women's long jump. On Saturday she set a world record of 7.215 points in the heptathlon.

Mac Wilkins, the 1976 Olympic

champion, and four-time Olympian John Powell led qualifying for Saturday's discus final. Wilkins threw 63.86 metres and Powell had a best of 62.54 metres.

Former 100 metres record holder Evelyn Ashford decided not to compete in the 200 metres since she had made the U.S. team in the 100 metres.

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## Dukakis hits campaign trail from Bush's turf

**WASHINGTON** (Agencies) — Democrat Michael Dukakis has begun his campaign for the White House in a symbolic trip to his running mate's home ground and a blast at George Bush, the Republican nominee-to-be.

Dukakis, a day after accepting the Democratic nomination, said the vice-president and other Republicans, "wouldn't know a balanced budget if it hit them in the face."

"The Republicans are all confused — they don't know what to make this ticket," Dukakis said after arriving in Texas, which is the home state of running mate Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, as well as Bush's adopted home state.

The candidates left on their campaign stump with praise from Jesse Jackson, but the black civil rights leader who was Dukakis' strongest Democratic rival said his followers would be ready to turn up the "street heat" to make sure the nominees follow the

Jackson agenda.

"You ask us trust you," Jackson said to Dukakis and Bentsen.

"All that we can ask of anyone is that they not betray that trust."

Bush, campaigning in Texas — a state the Massachusetts governor has targeted as a prime battleground against the popular vice president who has a legal residence here — he headed for California, another state.

In what seems to be shaping up as a bruising election fight, a new poll showed Dukakis with a 50-40 per cent lead over Bush, assured his party's nomination next month.

But Bush, also on a campaign swing, downplayed the polls.

### WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

#### More fires extinguished on Piper Alpha

**ABERDEEN** (AP) — A team of workers led by American Paul "Red" Adair extinguished two remaining wallhead blazes on the oil platform that was blown apart in the world's worst oil rig disaster, owners said Friday. The Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum Corporation said the fires in wells P32 and P3 on the Piper Alpha rig had been doused with sea water and then capped with cement.

#### Italy to remove waste from Nigeria

**ROME** (R) — Italy said Friday it was sending a ship to Nigeria in the next few days to help remove Italian toxic waste dumped illegally in the port of Koko. Civil Protection Minister Vito Lattanzio said an Italian ship would leave soon to join a West German-registered vessel now waiting off Koko. The West German ship was contracted by an Italian state-owned company active in Nigeria to collect the refuse.

#### Patients received radiation overdoses

**EXETER**, England (AP) — A medical physicist's error allowed 153 cancer patients to receive radiation overdoses at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in southwest England, health officials said Friday. Of those patients who received the 25 per cent extra dosages while undergoing radiation therapy between February and July of this year, 22 have died, according to Exeter health official David King. King said the deaths could not be attributed directly to the increased doses. Another doctor said it was unlikely, but possible, that the overdoses led to deaths. King said the patients could suffer long-term side-effects, including excessive scarring of skin, bones and parts of the lung. "The problem was not the fault of the machine. It was a mathematical miscalculation, and the medical physicist is mortified," King said.

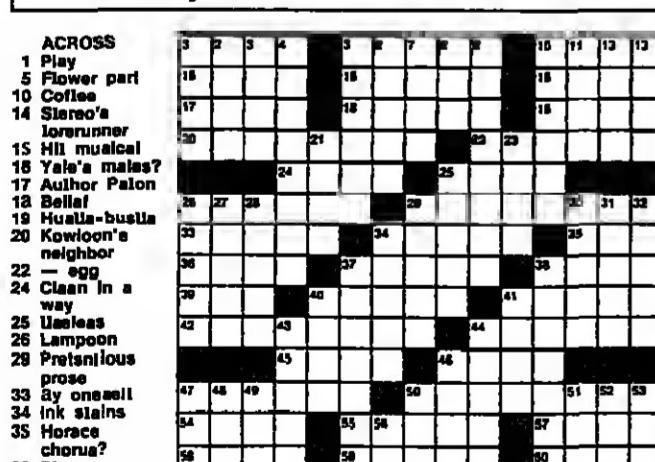
#### Chilean air chief says date set for ballot

**SANTIAGO** (AP) — Air Force commander General Fernando Matthei said Friday the country's military chiefs had set the date for an upcoming yes-or-no presidential ballot but refused to disclose what it is. "It has been agreed upon, but I'm not going to tell you because it's not for me to say," Matthei told reporters at a ceremony marking his 10th year as air force leader. He said the military commanders also had set a date for a meeting to pick a candidate, but again declined to disclose it. "It should come out in the next few days," he said. President Augusto Pinochet, the right-wing army commander who has ruled for nearly 15 years, is expected to be nominated and has been campaigning hard for a "no" vote. He recently said the ballot would be held within 90 days.

#### Pope rules out stop in S. Africa

**LORENZAGO**, Italy (AP) — Pope John Paul II said Friday he would like to visit South Africa some day but that he would not stop there during his Sept. 10-20 tour of southern African countries. John Paul, talking to reporters at the end of a 10-day vacation in this town in the Dolomite Alps, said that the Roman Catholic bishops of South Africa do not believe the time is ripe for such a visit. But he added that he hoped "perhaps one day" he could also visit there. In September, the Pope is scheduled to visit Botswana, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Swaziland.

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